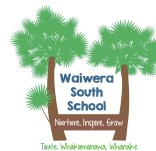


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## Newsletter, Issue 9: 29th June 2022

### Upcoming Events

<b>Thursday 30 June</b>	Technology Yr 7 & 8s
<b>Friday 1 July</b>	Hot Lunches - Pumpkin Soup and Roll (A Bielski). Orders due Wednesday 29 June, Assembly
<b>Monday 4 July</b>	BOT Meeting (7pm, Senior Room)
<b>Tuesday 5 July</b>	Hockey Tournament - Yr 5-6s (Postponement Date: Thursday 7 July)
<b>Thursday 7 July</b>	Technology Yr 7 & 8s
<b>Thursday 7 July - Friday 8 July</b>	Life Education School Visit
<b>Friday 8 July</b>	LAST DAY of Term 2
<b>Monday 25 July</b>	Start of Term 3
<b>Wednesday 27 July</b>	Clued Up Kids (Postponement Date: Wednesday 29 July)

### SMiddle Camp - Berwick Forest



The Smiddles and their adult helpers had an amazing week away at Berwick last week. The frosts were massive - but the sun came out each day and challenges were faced! Well done Smiddles on a fabulous week of pushing yourselves.

Kia ora ra e te whānau o Waiwera South,

I tino parekareka matou i Berwick i tērā wiki, we had a fabulous time at Berwick last week! It was so good to have our camp finally come to fruition after a cancellation and a spot of trouble rebooking somewhere new! The week was full of challenges for everyone, from heights, to caving, to trusting your gear, the belayer or your teammates, I don't think there was one person that at some stage did not have to overcome some sort of uncertainty. We had some extremely frosty mornings, but these turned into beautiful sunny days (still very cold but the sun was out!) and the children got to work and conquered everything that we put in front of them. I think there will have been a lot of good memories made - from 'Rat Bashing', to defeating the high ropes course. The night ropes course was a real challenge - trusting yourself in a forest in pitch dark while supporting your peers around a rope trail. We have included a few photos throughout the newsletter so you can see some of what we got up to. A massive thanks to all our amazing parents - without you we could not have gone on this amazing camp, and to Evan from Adventure Masters who conjured up some pretty cool experiences for us all. Thanks also to The Clinton Lions Club for their contribution which enabled us to employ Evan and provide such amazing adventure-based learning for our children.

Mānawatia a Matariki. During the last few weeks we have been adding to our learning and knowledge about Matariki. Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in midwinter and for many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year. Iwi across New Zealand understand and celebrate Matariki in different ways and at different times. For Kāi Tahu, the star Puaka was the sign that they looked for to signal the end of winter. Puaka is also known in English as Rigel. Puaka is a young, bright star found near Tautoru, Orion's belt. At about the same time that Matariki rises in the North Island, Puaka rises in the South Island. Matariki follows a few weeks later.

Matariki is an abbreviation of 'Ngā Mata o te Ariki [Tāwhirimātea](#) ('The eyes of the god Tāwhirimātea') According to Māori tradition, the god of the wind, Tāwhirimātea, was so angry when his siblings separated their parents, Ranginui the sky father and Papatūānuku the earth mother, that he tore out his eyes and threw them into the heavens.

Matariki signifies the cycle of life and death. There are three key ideas that underpin Matariki. Traditionally, Matariki was a time to acknowledge the dead and to release their spirits to become stars, to remember those we have lost in the last year and the legacy that they leave us. It was also a time to reflect, to be thankful to the gods for the harvest, to feast and to share the bounty of the harvest with family and friends, to celebrate the present, and the people in your life who fulfil you. Like the stars of the Matariki cluster who rise together, it is a chance to gather as a group and celebrate who you are.

The last key idea for Matariki is it is a time to look to the future with hope and set fresh intentions for the year ahead.

We look forward to adding to this learning in years to come. This will also feed seamlessly into the new Aotearoa New Zealand Histories curriculum that we are just beginning to implement.

This is the last Newsletter for the term. we hope you have a fabulous term break - take some time to refresh and reboot and we will welcome the children back ready to learn on Monday July 25th.

Noho ora mai -  
Kaz Bissett







Congratulations to our award winners at our last assembly! Tuvia received his Values Award for Responsibility and Zeke gained his for showing the value of Respect.

Amazing work Tuvia and Zeke!!



## SCHOOL BOARD PARENT ELECTIONS 2022

### Nomination round

Our school will be undertaking a parent election for **5 School Board vacancies**. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022**.

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instruction on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database or you will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database.

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

**Nominations close on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 12 noon. Election day is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Wayne Jamieson

Returning Officer, CES





# SMiddle Camp - Berwick Forest



"Rescuing" Ivy



Luke and Harriet



Charleigh



Libby



Tuvia



Maisie and Freya



Freya and Florence



Mock Court





## School Ski Trip

We are in the process of organising a school ski trip to Cardrona in Term 3. Due to the change in the skifield policy the trip will likely be on a Monday or Tuesday.

It is not part of the school programme and taking part in the trip is purely optional - organising a trip through school secures us group rates.

A note will be sent home to school families this week with confirmed dates, cost etc. If any community families would like to join us on our ski trip please contact Leanne [leanne@waiwasouth.school.nz](mailto:leanne@waiwasouth.school.nz) she will send you the information, places will need to be booked by July 8th.



### NZISF NanoFest 2022

Block out 14-17 July in your calendar today for lots of school holiday science-based fun – four days of science-based good times with talks, workshops and activities for all ages. There will be VR and gaming centre, prizes for the strongest structure built out of our random stuff, Kate Hannah talking about the Disinformation Project, our wee ones' favourite Imagination Playground and much more. You can also drop off your old e-waste at our collection site. Lots of events are free or donation and most are in the Meridian Mall.

Browse the programme online at [www.scifest.org.nz/programme](http://www.scifest.org.nz/programme).



Zoe and Ryan both achieved impressive results and personal bests at the recent Wayne Evans Memorial Swim Meet. Amazing job!

## South Otago High School Open Night

Thursday 7th July 2022

Tours start at 6pm in the Hall



Perseverance Excellence Respect



Matariki at Waiwera South





## Juniors writing about Matariki Holiday



Matariki is a day off  
 Matariki is a day of  
 school. I am going for  
 school. I am going for  
 a swim.  
 a swim. Danyil



Matariki ... is a day off  
 school and remembering who have  
 passed away. Ben



Matariki means I can  
 Matariki means I can  
 put my makeup and nail  
 put my make up and nail  
 polish on.  
 polish on. Ruby

## Brick Club

Balclutha Community Library

Every Wednesday in Term 2  
 3.30 - 4.30pm

### BUS TRAVEL

Friendly reminder,  
 if your child/children  
 are not going to be  
 on the bus in the  
 afternoon, please  
 text your classroom  
 teacher to let them know.



If we do not hear from you they will go  
 on the bus. If it is a weekly event (e.g.  
 Rugby practice), let the school office  
 know and we can record it as a weekly  
 event.





# Learning with Harold

Pip & Harold are really excited to be visiting your school next week with our specially designed & built mobile classroom. Over the next few days the Students and Teachers will participate in specifically designed health based programmes (selected by the Teachers & created by Pip) to meet the needs of the school & local community.

If you would like to learn more about our programme please visit our website

<https://www.lifeeducation.org.nz/what-we-teach>

We even have a special page just for kids (how cool is that!)

<https://healthyharold.org.nz/kids>

Please ask your kids what they have been learning about during their visits, I'm sure they will have lots to share with you. They will also have received a 'Take Home Pack' filled with activities you can do together at home.



If you would like to check out the classroom for yourself (or even reminisce your own Harold memories) please contact either the school or email Pip at [heartland@lifeed.org.nz](mailto:heartland@lifeed.org.nz) and we can organise a time to pop in either before or after school.

## More SMiddle Camp Photos



Lincoln and Charlie



Lunch on the Maungatua



Harlem and Ken

## SGT DAN PALLETS

Parents Plus group is continuing to collect Sergeant Dan Pallets. If you have any that you would like to get out of the way, we are happy to take them off your hands.

We would really appreciate if people could drop them off at Anna & Craig Whiteside's but if you can't get them there yourselves we can arrange to have them picked up from you.

Thank you to all of those who have donated in the past and continue to do so - your support is very appreciated

For any inquiries or to make pick up arrangements, please contact Madeline, on 0274626184



Ryan and Tuvia

## Last Hot Lunch for Term 2

This Friday is the last hot lunch for term 2. **Soup and bread roll** is on the menu, **Amy Bielski** is rostered on to serve.

Keep an eye on your email for Term 3's lunch menu and orders!